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In re application of: Howard Li, et al.

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For: INTEGRATED EQUIPMENT SET FOR FORMING A LOW K DIELECTRIC INTERCONNECT ON A SUBSTRATE

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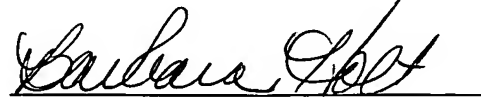
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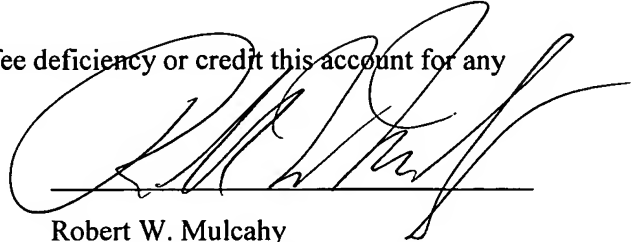
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Assignee: Applied Materials, Inc.Title: INTEGRATED EQUIPMENT SET FOR FORMING A LOW K
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Serial No.: unknown Filed: herewith

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Enclosed:

- ☒ Patent Application Transmittal
- ☒ Specification, claims and abstract - 124 pgs.
- ☒ Drawings (forty-three pages) Informal
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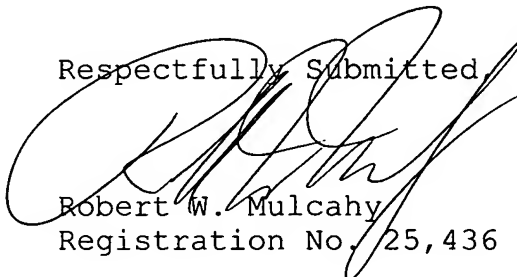
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STATEMENT OF PROMPTNESS OF FILING
OF PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 (d)(1), I, Robert W. Mulcahy, state that the discrepancy in the filing date for the above-identified patent application was not discovered until after we received a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts for this case on or about April 29, 2004. Accordingly, the enclosed Petition is being filed promptly.

Respectfully Submitted



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Dated:

INTEGRATED EQUIPMENT SET FOR FORMING
A LOW K DIELECTRIC INTERCONNECT ON A SUBSTRATE

This application claims priority from U.S.

- 5 Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/440,898, filed
January 16, 2003 and is a continuation-in-part of U.S.
Patent Application Serial No. 10/459,194, filed June 11,
2003, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent
Application Serial No. 60/387,835, filed June 11, 2002. All
10 of the above listed patent applications are hereby
incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

- This application is related to U.S. Provisional
15 Patent Application Serial No. 60/323,065, filed September
18, 2001 and titled "INTEGRATED EQUIPMENT SET FOR FORMING AN
INTERCONNECT ON A SUBSTRATE", which is hereby incorporated
by reference herein in its entirety.

This application also is related to U.S.

- 20 Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/333,901, filed
November 28, 2001 and titled "INTEGRATED EQUIPMENT SET FOR
FORMING SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION REGIONS", which is hereby
incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

25 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to semiconductor
device manufacturing, and more specifically to an integrated
equipment set for forming a low K dielectric interconnect on
a substrate.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- A typical integrated circuit contains a plurality
of metal pathways that provide electrical power for powering
the various semiconductor devices forming the integrated
35 circuit, and that allow these semiconductor devices to